

PARKING AT THE EMPIRE STATE PLAZA

ON-SITE PARKING

Car and van parking is available under the Empire State Plaza in the Visitor Lot. You can get to this lot by taking the Empire State Plaza Exit off I-787. If people are parking under the plaza in this lot, there is a fee and the lots usually fill up fairly early. In addition, the driver has to show photo ID to enter the parking lot. There is a \$2 per hour fee for parking in this lot.

Further information, directions, and additional information on downtown parking lots can be obtained by visiting the NYS OGS web site:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/parking/forVisitor/visitor.html>

A map of parking lots can be viewed by visiting:

<http://www.ogs.state.ny.us/parking/forVisitor/parkingmap.html>

Directions:

Most offices are in the Capitol, Legislative Office Building and Agency Building 4. These buildings are all part of the Empire State Plaza complex in downtown Albany, New York.

The Empire State Plaza also houses many State agencies and commissions, as well as the Empire State Plaza Convention Center, New York State Museum and Empire Center at the Egg.

To get to the Empire State Plaza Convention Center use the following directions:

From the North:

Take Interstate I-87 (Northway) to Interstate I-90 East (exit # 1E). Take Interstate I-90 East to Interstate 787 South. Take Exit #3A for the Empire State Plaza.

From the South:

Take New York State Thruway (Interstate 87) to Exit 23 - straight through Toll Booth to Interstate 787, then take Exit #3 for the Empire State Plaza.

From the East:

Take Interstate 90 West to Exit # B1 (I-90). Continue on I-90 to Interstate 787 South. Follow I-787 South to Exit #3A for the Empire State Plaza.

From the West:

Take the New York State Thruway (Interstate 90) to Exit 24 (Albany), proceed east on Interstate 90 to Interstate 787 South. Take exit # 3A for the Empire State Plaza.

Parking is available here. Follow signs for North Visitor's Parking Area.

Elevators will take you to the Concourse Level where the Convention Center is located.

Parking information for Buses

Parking in the downtown Albany area WILL NOT be available for the busses.

It's possible to experience substantial delays in people being able to depart from Albany as there are issues with getting the busses released from the parking provided by the Albany Police Department. FOR-NY is not the only group conducting Lobby effort on 2/2 and therefore there will be many busses in downtown Albany. APD provides parking for all the busses (for a fee) in Lincoln Park. The busses are parked in such a manner that they cannot simply pull out at any time, and with varying departure times, delays are inevitable. In an effort to avoid this, buses may consider the following options:

- 1) Thanks to Father Peter Young, the Schuyler Inn parking lot at 575 Broadway in Menands, NY is available for buses to park.
- 2) There is also plenty of free parking available in the parking lot of Crossgates Mall. (this also provides an activity for the driver between your drop-off and pick-up.) It is a short 5.4 mile trip.